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**Amendments To Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for a client to authorize an automated ~~clearance~~ clearing house (ACH) transaction, the method comprising the steps of:  
prompting the client to enter authentication credentials to access an online interface to a financial provider network;
  - a) providing allowing the client to access the online web interface when the authentication credentials are verified to a financial services provider network, wherein the online interface enables the client to define ACH transaction parameters including whether the ACH transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;
  - b) ~~allowing secure access to the online web interface;~~
  - c) ~~providing set up and authorization information;~~
  - d) ~~accepting set up and authorization information and criteria; and~~  
storing the ACH transaction parameters in a database; and
  - e) ~~executing an authorized ACH transaction based on the set up and authorization information~~ ACH transaction parameters, wherein the authorized ACH transaction debits a first account and credits a second account.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of of:
  - f) modifying the ACH transaction parameters to create modified ACH transaction parameters set up and authorization information and criteria;
  - g) ~~accepting~~ storing the modified ACH transaction parameters in a database ~~client set up and authorization information and criteria; and~~
  - h) providing notice of ~~the~~ an executed ACH transaction.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of providing access to the ACH transaction parameters ~~inputted set up and authorization information and criteria~~ and ACH transactions history.

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Claim 4 (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ACH transaction is an ACH-in transaction that electronically transfers client funds from a client account at a third party financial institution to a ~~at least one~~ client account at the ~~a~~ financial service provider.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the ~~inputted set up and authorization information and criteria comprises~~ ACH transaction parameters comprise:  
a routing number ~~numbers~~ for a client third party financial institution,  
~~at least one~~ a client account number at the client third party financial institution and financial service provider; and,  
an amount of funds to be transferred between ~~at least one~~ a client account in the client third party financial institution and ~~at least one~~ a client account at the financial service provider ~~provider~~; ~~and criteria indicating a recurring, non-recurring or one-time ACH transaction.~~

7. (currently amended) A method for authorizing an automated ~~clearance~~ clearing house (ACH) transaction, the method comprising the steps of:  
prompting a client to enter authentication credentials to access an online interface to a financial provider network;

- a) ~~providing an~~ allowing the client to access the online web interface when the authentication credentials are verified on a financial services provider network, wherein the online interface enables the client to define ACH transaction parameters including whether the ACH transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;
- b) ~~allowing secure access to the online web interface via the internet;~~
- c) ~~receiving authorization information and criteria at the interface;~~
- d) ~~accepting and acknowledging the authorization information and criteria;~~
- e) automatically executing an authorized ACH transaction based on the authorization information ACH transaction parameters.

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8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:
- f) notifying the client of the executed ACH transaction.
  - g) enabling modification of the ACH transaction parameters authorization information; and
  - h) ~~accepting~~ storing and acknowledging the modified ACH transaction parameters authorization information.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the access to the online web interface is via a computer having a web browser application.

Claim 10 (canceled)

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the ACH transaction is an ACH-in transaction.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the inputted ~~authorization information includes~~ ACH transaction parameters include information selected from the group comprising ~~consisting of~~:

- a routing number numbers for a third party financial institution;
- an account number at a third party financial institution; and,
- an amount of funds to be transferred. ~~transferred; and~~
- ~~criteria indicating a recurring, non-recurring or one time ACH transaction.~~

13. (currently amended) A method for a client to individually set-up and authorize an automated ~~clearance~~ clearing house (ACH) in transaction, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an online web interface on a financial services provider network to enable the client to define ACH-in transaction parameters including whether the ACH-in transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;
- b) allowing ~~a~~ the client to securely access the online web interface via a client computer having a web browser application;

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- ~~e) — permitting the client to input authorization information and criteria via the client computer;~~
- d) ~~accepting~~ storing and acknowledging the ~~authorization information and criteria~~ ACH-in transaction parameters;
- e) automatically executing an authorized ACH-in transaction based on the client ~~inputted authorization information and criteria~~ ACH-in transaction parameters to electronically transfer client funds from a client account at a third party financial institution to ~~at least one~~ a client account at the financial ~~service~~ services provider;
- f) notifying the client of the completed ACH-in transaction; and
- ~~g)~~ enabling the client to modify the ~~authorization information and criteria~~ ACH-in transaction parameters.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of ~~storing accepting~~ and acknowledging the modified ~~authorization information and criteria~~ ACH-in transaction parameters.

Claim 15 (canceled)

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the ~~inputted authorization information and criteria~~ ACH-in transaction parameters comprises:

- a routing number ~~numbers~~ for a client third party financial institution,
- a ~~at least one~~ client account number at the client third party financial institution and financial service provider; and,
- an amount of funds to be transferred between ~~at least one~~ a client account in the client third party financial institution and ~~at least one~~ a client account at the financial service provider. ~~provider, and criteria indicating a recurring, non-recurring or one-time ACH-in transaction.~~